

peace to issue process, to hear and determine all causes of action which may arise upon the ordinances, by-laws and regulations of said town, passed and made in pursuance of this or any former act, to enforce penalties by issuing executions upon any adjudged violation thereof, and to execute the laws and regulations that may be passed and made by the commissioners; and the mayor shall preside at the meetings of the commissioners, unless in cases of unavoidable absence, when the commissioners shall temporarily supply his place as presiding officer with one of their own members; but the mayor shall not have jurisdiction of cases of any nature or amounts, other than such whereof a justice of the peace may take cognizance, unless especially authorized by this act.

Precept.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the mayor may issue his precept to the constable or marshall of the town, and to such other officers to whom a justice of the peace may direct his precept.

Minutes of
precepts to be
kept.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the mayor shall keep a faithful minute of the precepts issued by him, and of all his judicial proceedings; the judgments rendered by him shall have all the force, virtue and validity of judgments rendered by a justice of the peace, and may be executed and enforced against the parties in the county of Buncombe and elsewhere, in the same manner, and by the same means, as if the same had been rendered by a justice of the peace for the county of Buncombe.

Mayor's office.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the mayor shall keep his office in some convenient part of the town, at such place as the commissioners may designate, and shall attend at such times as the commissioners may direct, to dispose of such matters and causes as may be reported to himself by the proper officers. He shall keep the seal of the corporation, and all records and papers belonging and appertaining to the town shall be kept in his office, and he shall faithfully perform such duties as from time to time may be prescribed, and shall receive such compensations as the commissioners may direct.

Board of com-
missioners.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the commissioners shall form one board, a majority of them shall be compe-